

**Highway Act 1980, section 119. Spenborough public footpath 110 (part) near Spen Valley Leisure Centre, Bradford Road, Liversedge.
Public Path Diversion application - Explanatory Statement**

Under the Highways Act 1980, local authorities have the power to make orders to create, divert or extinguish public rights of way.

An application has been received to divert part of the public footpath Spenborough 110 near the Spen Valley Leisure Centre, Bradford Road, Liversedge. The diversion is in the interest of the landowner.

Although not part of this application, the diversion will also facilitate the demolition of existing fitness complex and erection of Spen Valley Leisure Centre.

Part of the proposed route is already available towards point B. As part of the proposal the steps near point B will be improved and resurfaced

The length of path to be stopped up is shown by the bold solid line, whilst the path to be created is shown by the bold dashed line. The sections of unaffected public footpaths are shown by the continuous line with short bars at intervals.

This is a preliminary consultation process and simply provides an opportunity for views to be expressed. Any proposed diversion order would come into effect only after it has been confirmed:

THIS EXPLANATORY STATEMENT IS PART OF A PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION ON THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL AND NO DECISION OR ORDER HAS BEEN MADE BY THE COUNCIL.

Kirklees Council will need to be satisfied that the proposal complies with the following grounds and tests laid down in the Highways Act 1980:

- It appears expedient that the path should be diverted on the ground that it is in the interest of the landowner or the public.
- The end points of the diversion are on the same highway or one connected to it and are substantially as convenient as at present.
- The necessary works to implement the proposed path will be undertaken.
- The proposed path will not be substantially less convenient and will not have undue effect on public enjoyment of the path as a whole.
- Kirklees Council will have to consider our Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Comments on the proposal should be made in writing by 15 July 2019 to Kirklees Council, Public Rights of Way, Flint Street, Fartown, Huddersfield, HD1 6LG. Email publicrightsofway@kirklees.gov.uk . Enquiries only may be made by telephone on 01484 221000 and ask for Giles Cheetham.